

September 16, 1999

Dear Carrier:

As a result of the scheduled closing of the Burlington Distribution Center, it is anticipated that other Distribution Centers may see an increase in the tonnage being shipped from their facilities. Consequently, **GSA is utilizing its option to extend current rate offers, as allowed in Section 1-5 of the Request for Offers (RFO) dated July 17, 1998, for the Southwestern Distribution Center in Fort Worth, TX (SWDC). The new expiration date for current SWDC rate offers will extend from October 31, 1999 to November 30, 1999.**

GSA will be issuing a supplement in the near future to the RFO dated August 11, 1999, for the SWDC. This supplement will identify changes to the RFO based on the transit times needed for the SWDC that are a deviation from the normal Standard Tender of Service (STOS) transit time requirements. Carriers will be allowed to make any necessary rate adjustments based on the new transit times required for all shipments identified in the supplement. Carriers who recently filed new SWDC rates by the September 10, 1999 deadline who choose not to make any changes may option to let those rate offers stand. The specific procedures and requirements will be outlined in the forthcoming supplement. All rates filed in accordance with the supplement will become effective December 1, 1999 and run through October 31, 2000.

If you have any questions regarding the SWDC traffic, please contact Martha Gresham of GSA's Southeast Zone Office at (404) 331-5121 or e-mail at martha.gresham@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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